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Homecoming 2005 provided an *Our Town*-like snapshot of what Moundbuilders value—relationships, learning, hard work, and having fun. See more on pages 6 and 7. Cover photos feature President Dick Merriman's family and the 50+ class gathering.

SECOND COVER

It's the 100th year of basketball at Southwestern College, and our coverage includes a profile of Charles and Anne Grigsby.

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CORRECTION

Congratulations to the sharp-eyed readers of the *Southwesterner* who caught our math error on the cover of the fall edition. The newest class to enter SC will graduate in 2009, not the 2010 our cover claimed.

From the President



Dear friends,

We've had such fabulous warm weather in south central Kansas this fall that it has been hard to focus on the coming holidays. Mother Nature fixed that yesterday; it's 25 degrees this morning. Ho, ho, ho!

Usually the spirit of giving and the imminent arrival of the tax man combine to prompt a holiday outpouring of financial support for Southwestern. Because we really need your gift support, I will confess that I am watching the approach of the year's end with some anxiety this year. Between foreign affairs, gas prices, and natural disasters, the country is distracted and unhappy.

But this distraction can't take away our focus on providing outstanding educational opportunities for students who truly care about their education. You were one of those students once, so please, remember the college this holiday season. You will provide support crucial for the quality of our programs, and the knowledge you have helped students is sure to brighten your own life—and relieve my anxiety!

Thanks for all you do for Southwestern!

Best regards,

Dick Merriman

Dick Merriman
President

Administration Viewpoint



Dear friends,

As an employee of Southwestern College and parent of two SC students, I see daily examples of how terrific a college Southwestern is today. As a member of the finance committee I see the priorities of the college resources going for quality programs and scholarships, all for the benefit of the student. What's sometimes lacking are the resources to get the word out.

One of the ways you can help the college is to tell kids what a great school we are and tell us about the outstanding young people you know. When you match up an outstanding student with a great college that's right for them, everybody wins.

If you are feeling a little out of touch and not sure what to say about the college these days, here are some talking points:

- Southwestern College was established in 1885. We're rich in tradition and history.
- Southwestern is a top-tier college in the 2006 edition of the *U.S. News and World Report* annual college guide.
- All students on the residential campus are issued laptop computers, and SC is the only college in a multi-state region to do this.
- Students on the residential campus tend to be highly involved in activities, from athletics to performing arts to our nationally-recognized service learning programs in leadership, discipleship, and entrepreneurship.
- Southwestern is affiliated with the United Methodist Church, and respect for diverse faith views while adhering to Christian values is part of its commitment to students and their families.

Please consider being the connection between a great young person and a great college.

God's best,

Steve Wilke

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